THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Assessment of potential of tourist centres, is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. The Central Department of Tourism has not undertaken any survey to assess the tourist potential in Tamil Nadu.

(b) Does not arise.

Discussions with Pakistan's Minister of Interior on Punjab problem

851. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have discussed and proposals to contain the encouragement received by Punjab terrorists through Pakistan borders with Mr. Ahsan, Pakistan's Minister of interior who visited India recently;

(b) if so, what are the details of the discussions held; and

(c) what is Government's assessment about Pakistan's attitude in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) Pakistan Interior Minister visited India as Special Envoy of Prime Minister Ms. Benazir Bhutto from April 8--11, 1989. Amongst the subjects discussed with him was also terrorist activities directed against India in the Punjab.

(c) Government hope that the establishment of a democratic Government in Pakistan will lead to the cessation of Pakistan's involvement in terrorist activities against India.

Effect of Recent Violence in J&K on Tourism

852. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION and TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the affect on the tourist flow both domestic and foreign in Jammu and Kashmir due to the violence which erupted there recently; and

(b) what are the details of arrangements made by Government so as to attract more tourists, particularly, during the summer season?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL)): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the measures initiated by the Government for attracting more tourists to the State of Jammu & Kashmir include strengthening of tourism infrastructural facilities in the State and wide publicity of tourist attractions of the State. The Central Department of Tourism together with Jammu & Kashmir Tourism and Air-India have launched a major Worldwide campaign to promote Kashmir during the forthcoming summer season. Special Kashmir promotion seminars have been held in East Asia, South Asia, Japan, Europe and U.K. Indian Airlines offer a 10 per cent discounted return fare at US dollar 90 on Delhi-Srinagar-Delhi Sector.

Help Sought from Non-aligned Nations by Mauritius to get back Diego Garcia

853. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the statement made by the Deputy Prime Minister of Mauritius, on March 18, 1989, at New Delhi, to the effect that with the help of the non-aligned nations, Mauritius would get back the Diego Garcia;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government propose to take up the matter with the concerned country which seeks to build up a military base in the island; and